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SUBJECT: GABON: SUPPORTIVE OF U.S. CANDIDATE FOR IMO "IN PRINCIPLE"

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11. On November 3, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Deputy Director General Monkala told poloff that "in principle" Gabon would have no problem supporting the U.S. candidacy for the International Maritime Organization. Monkala said that he could not give a definitive answer, but that the U.S.'s long history of advocacy in the IMO would mean Gabon would be "hard pressed" to not support the U.S. Monkala promised to bring the matter up with Minister of Foreign Affairs Paul Toungui.
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